Applied Social Science

Introduction

The Applied Social Science degree at UW-Stout is designed to provide graduates with both marketable jobs skills and the flexibility to adapt to the rapidly changing nature of U.S. society. The degree has four major emphases providing students with 1) social science theoretical perspectives, 2) a solid knowledge base in the social sciences and history, 3) the ability to apply critical thinking skills to creatively solve practical problems in the social, economic and political arenas, and 4) strong leadership and interpersonal skills in an increasingly diverse and changing workforce. Using social science theoretical perspectives and grounded in social science knowledge, students will be able to apply critical and creative thinking skills to successfully problem solve in their future employment fields. Upon completion of their Applied Social Science degree, students will have skills in data collection, evaluation and analysis, presentation, and problem solving.

The program is interdisciplinary and provides breadth of knowledge through coursework in the areas of economics, history, political science, geography, psychology, anthropology, and sociology. It offers depth of knowledge by giving students the opportunity to select a concentration an area of social science with additional, upper-level courses. It also offers students an opportunity to combine their broad and deeper knowledge in the social sciences with a complementary applied minor or in an applied area combining social science coursework with coursework in biology, chemistry, management or other fields, in preparation for employment in areas such as environmental analysis, global studies, and human resources and other services.

General Requirements

Bachelor of Science Degree

Total for graduation	120 credits
General Education	43-46 credits
Major Studies	28-38 credits
Concentration	21 credits
Applied Area or Minor	21 credits

Program Requirements

General Education

43-46 credits required

A. Communication Skills — 8 credits

ENGL-101	Freshman English – Composition *or*	
ENGL-111	Freshman English – Honors I	3
ENGL-102	Freshman English – Reading and Related Writing *or*	
ENGL-112	Freshman English – Honors II	3
SPCOM-100	Fundamentals of Speech	2

B. Analytic Reasoning — 6 credits

MATH-120	College Math I (*or higher*)	4
STAT-130	Elementary Statistics (*or higher*)	2

C. Health and Physical Education — 2 credits

Courses must be from areas of health, physical education or nutrition.

D. Humanities and the Arts — 9 credits

HIST-210 Modern World History 3

Remaining credits must be from two or more areas including art history, creative arts, foreign language and culture, literature, music appreciation, philosophy and performing arts.

E. Social and Behavioral Sciences — 9-10 credits

Courses must be from three or more areas including anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology and sociology.

F. Natural Sciences (with Lab) — 4-5 credits

G. Technology — 2 credits

H. General Education Electives — 3 credits

Major Studies

28-38 credits

Professional Core — 28-38 credits

ANTH-220	Cultural Anthropology	3
APSS-1XX	Introduction to Social Sciences	1
APSS-2XX	Applied Social Analysis I	3
APSS-3XX	Applied Social Analysis II	3
APSS-4XX	Internship/Capstone in Applied Social Analysis	3
ECON-210	Principles of Economics I	3
ECON-215	Principles of Economics II	3
ENGL-247	Critical Writing	3
GEOG-104	World Geography *or*	
GEOG-251	Introduction to Geography and GIS	3-4
LOG-250	Critical Thinking	3
PHIL-235	General Ethics	3
POLS-210	American Government	3
SOC-110	Introductory Sociology	3

Concentrations

21 credits

Select one concentration. No more than six credits from the concentration can also be counted toward General Education.

History and Politics — 21 credits

Required courses:

HIST-120	Early U.S. History	3
HIST-121	Modern U.S. History	3

Select additional courses from the following to fulfill the 21 credit requirement:

HIST-XXX	Early World History	3
HIST-140	Western Civilization I	3
HIST-141	Western Civilization II	3
HIST-311	Women and War: A Global Perspective in the Modern Era	3
HIST-321	United States Women's History	3
HIST-322	African-American History	3
HIST-330	World War II	3
HIST-350	History of the Vietnam War	3
HIST-360	Asian History	3
HIST-380	Latin American History	3
HIST-460	Historical Methods	3
POLS-315	Public Policy	3
POLS-220	State and Local Government	3
POLS-270	Introduction to Comparative Government	3
POLS-340	International Relations	3
HIST-499	Independent Study	1-3
POLS-499	Independent Study	1-3
APSS-31X	Applied Multivariate Methods	3
APSS-32X	Applied Qualitative Methods	3

Other courses in consultation and approval of program director.

Economics — 21 credits

Required courses:

ECON-410	Microeconomics	3
POLS-315	Public Policy *or*	
SOC-225	Social Problems	3
BUACT-206	Introduction to Financial Accounting	3

Select additional courses from the following to fulfill the 21 credit requirement:

ECON-335	Personal Investments	3
ECON-350	Environmental and Natural Resources Economics	3
ECON-380	Economic and Business Forecasting	3
ECON-415	Macroeconomics	3
ECON-480	International Economics	3
ECON-420	Labor Economics	3
ECON-425	Economic Development	3
ECON-445	Public Finance	3
BUMGT-304	Principles of Management	3
PSYC-377	Consumer Psychology	3
HIST-121	Modern U.S. History	3
ECON-499	Independent Study	1-3
APSS-31X	Applied Multivariate Methods	3
APSS-32X	Applied Qualitative Methods	3

Other courses in consultation and approval of program director.

Sociology/Anthropology — 21 credits

Required courses:

SOC-225	Social Problems	3
SOC-250	Social Psychology	3
ANTH-250	The Human Past	3

Select additional courses from the following to fulfill the 21 credit requirement:

SOC-375	Sociology of Minority Groups	3
SOC-275	Sociology of Gender Roles	3
SOC-315	Criminology	3
ANTH-300	Native Americans	3
PSYC-110	General Psychology	3
SOCWK-205	Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare Policy	3
PSYC-270	Social Cognition and Behavior	3
HDFS-255	Lifespan Human Development *or*	
HDFS-115	Individual and Family Relations	3
SOC-3XX	Sociology of Health and Illness	3
SOC-325	Sociology of Leisure	3
SOC-340	Sociology of Work	3
ANTH-499	Independent Study	1-3
SOC-499	Independent Study	1-3
APSS-31X	Applied Multivariate Methods	3
APSS-32X	Applied Qualitative Methods	3

Other courses in consultation and approval of program director.

Applied Areas

21 credits

No more than six credits can also be counted toward General Education. A two-year or technical college program involving social Science-related applications might also fulfill the applied area with program director approval.

Select either an applied area below or a complementary, applied minor in:

- *Business Administration*
- *Disability Services*
- *Environmental Studies*
- *Geographic Information Systems*
- *Human Development and Family Studies*
- *Human Resource Management*
- *Military Leadership*
- *Project Management*
- *Tourism*
- *or other approved related minor or specialization.*

Environmental Issues and Analysis — 21 credits

Required courses:

ECON-350	Environmental and Natural Resources Economics *	3
GEOG-351	Intermediate Geographic Information Systems *	4
BIO-111	Science, Society and Environment *	4
CHEM-115	General Chemistry *	5

Select additional courses from the following to fulfill the 21 credit requirement:

ECON-XXX	Benefit-Cost Analysis	3
ECON-450	Energy Economics	3
POLS-315	Public Policy	3
POLS-250	Politics and Technology	3
SOC-300	Sociology of Technology	3
BIO-350	Ecology	3
BIO-444	Problem Solving in Environmental Studies	3
CHEM-353	Environmental Chemistry	3
CHEM-452	Environmental Regulation Management	3
BUMGT-304	Principles of Management	
SUST-150	Introduction to Sustainable Design	3
APSS-499	Independent study	1-3
APSS-X49	Co-op *or*	
APSS-X98	Internship	3

Global Studies — 21 credits

Required courses:

FREN-102	Elementary French II *or*	
SPAN-104	Elementary Spanish II *or*	
	equivalent level coursework in another language or equivalent proficiency	4
TRDIS-477	International Study *or*	
	Approved Co-op/Internship/Study Abroad *or*	
	Approved Cross-Cultural experience	

Select additional courses from the following to fulfill the 21 credit requirement (must take at least one course in subjects POLS and HIST):

POLS-340	International Relations	3
POLS-270	Comparative Politics	3
POLS-260	Problems of U.S. Foreign Policy	3
HIST-380	Latin American History	3
HIST-360	Asian History	3
HIST-141	Western Civilization	3
HIST-350	History of the Vietnam War	3
GEOG-351	Intermediate Geographic Inform. Systems	4
ECON-425	Economic Development	3
ECON-480	International Economics	3
BUINB-260	Introduction to International Business	3
BUINB-367	International Management	3
MUSIC-132	Music in Our World	3
ARTH-338	Asian Art *or*	
ARTH-224	Survey of Art – Renaissance through 20th Century	3
PHIL-205	Philosophy of Religion *or*	
PHIL-215	Eastern Philosophy *or*	
PHIL-220	Multicultural Philosophy	3
APSS-X99	Independent study	1-3